

# **2014 EVENTS\***



## FORT MCHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT & HISTORIC SHRINE

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#### FORT MCHENRY BOAT TOUR - A STAR-SPANGLED EXPERIENCE!

See the Fort from the water on a unique boat tour and hear about Francis Scott Key's experience in the hours leading up to writing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Leaving on the hour 10am-4pm from the Fort McHenry Dock, the 35-minute tours run \*DAILY through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Adults: \$10 Child: \$5 (3-10) Dates subject to weather and changes - please call to confirm.

### FORT! FLAG! FIRE! BALTIMORE'S STAR-SPANGLED SUMMER



#### JUNE 14 - FLAG DAY!!

- ★ "AMERICAN GIRL DOLL 1812 SERIES CAROLINE" [10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.] Presentation by author Kathleen Ernst and her American Girl story about Caroline Abbott's life during the War of 1812. Interact with living historians and enjoy light refreshments. Dolls and period dress encouraged. FEE: \$18.14. Visit www.friendsoffortmchenry.org for tickets.
- ★ FLAG DAY CELEBRATION [2:00 p.m.] Join the American Flag Foundation, the U.S. Army Commander-In-Chief's Guard, "Old Guard" Fife and Drum Corps and Continental Color Guard for an afternoon honoring the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our national flag and the birth of the U.S. Army!

**FORT! FLAG! FIRE! BALTIMORE'S STAR-SPANGLED SUMMER!** From June 16th to September 1st, the Fort McHenry Guard Living Historians will be "on duty" with special daily programming that includes tours of the original buildings, hoisting the 30x42 flag over the ramparts and the firing of cannons. In addition to existing daily ranger programs, beginning June 28th, Wednesdays to Sundays, living historians will give demonstrations, fife and drum concerts, talks on civilian life in 1814 and more! Special children's programs will make history fun for the young and young at heart.

**JUNE 28 – BICENTENNIAL FIFE AND DRUM MUSTER!** – Precision drill and musical performance at an evening Tattoo Ceremony by visiting drum corps and the Fort McHenry Guard Fife & Drum Corps

#### JULY

**THE GLORIOUS FOURTH! JULY 4TH CELEBRATION** — All day includes Flag talks, cannon-firing, parade through Federal Hill, celebration of the nation's birthday with toasting, songs and the public reading of the Declaration of Independence [3:00 p.m.].

JULY 5 - U.S. ARMY TATTOO! Join the U.S. Army Old Guard, Continental Color-Guard, and U.S. Army Drill Team!

JULY 12 – FRIENDS OF FORT MCHENRY INAUGURAL CRAB FEAST – [3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.] Join the Friends for its inaugural crab feast – enjoy crabs, grilled fare, beverages and entertainment. FEE: \$45-\$95. Visit www.friendsoffortmchenry.org for tickets.

#### **AUGUST**

AUGUST 2 - ANCHORS AWEIGH! - U.S. NAVY TATTOO!

**FORT MCHENRY ON THE ROAD** — Fort McHenry Guard travels to Bladensburg (8/23) Caulk's Field, Centreville (8/30). Follow the Guard on Facebook to see their travels and what they are doing around our state!



#### **MILITARY TATTOO CEREMONIES - FREE!**

Evening ceremonies [6:00 p.m.] featuring a branch of service—Army, Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. Precision drill, music and living history make each program unique and memorable.

June 28 - FIFE AND DRUM TATTOO! The thunderous roar of 100 fifes and drums will shake the fort's walls to their foundations!

JULY 5 – U.S. ARMY TATTOO! Join the U.S. Army Old Guard, Continental Color-Guard, and U.S. Army Drill Team for a stirring performance!

AUGUST 2 – ANCHORS AWEIGH! – U.S. Navy TATTOO! – The U.S. Navy Band, Color-Guard and Drill Team bring the best of the Ocean ashore!



O Say Can You See! Star-Spangled Spectacular! A free festival to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our national anthem. Tall ships, Navy gray hulls and the Blue Angels will come to Baltimore's famed Inner Harbor to celebrate The Star-Spangled Banner. Landside festivals include living history demonstrations, a family fun-zone, live musical performances, and Chesapeake food and beverage. Events crescendo on September 13 with a star-studded patriotic concert and extraordinary fireworks display over Fort McHenry and the Baltimore harbor.

Visit www.star-spangled200.com for updates on the city-wide events.

- ★ September 6 & 7 Activities @ The Fort; Fort McHenry Guard travels to North Point Fort Howard
- ★ September 9 Bicentennial Living American Flag! [A SCHOOL EVENT]. 6,700 school students from across the State of Maryland will create a Living American Flag at Fort McHenry. Like their predecessors in 1914, students will engage in experiential learning by literally being part of the Star-Spangled Banner as 6,500 did for the Centennial. To commemorate the Bicentennial, this will be the largest living Star-Spangled Banner Flag ever created!
- ★ September 10 Maritime theme @ the Fort; Tall Ships and Navy Ships Arrive. Welcome Ceremony in the Inner Harbor
- ★ September 11 Special 9/11 Ceremony @ The Fort; Group & Public Ship Tours; Star-Spangled Festivals:
- ★ September 12 Defenders' Day parade featuring the Fort McHenry Guard and wreath-laying events; Group & Public Ship Tours; Star-Spangled Festivals: Inner Harbor Village and Fort McHenry Village; Inner Harbor Village Happy Hour!
- ★ September 13 Afternoon—Blue Angels Air Show; Public Ship Tours; Star-Spangled Festivals: Inner Harbor Village and Fort McHenry Village...Evening—Patriotic Program/Concerts at Fort and Pier 6 Inner Harbor with symbolic bombardments, Baltimore's largest fireworks display!!!
- ★ September 14 Morning—"Dawns Early Light Ceremony" honoring the moment 200 years ago when Francis Scott Key penned The Defence of Fort McHenry which became "The Star-Spangled Banner." These words sparked recognition of the American Flag as the primary symbol of the American people and 100 years later became our National Anthem.

  Star-Spangled Festivals: Inner Harbor Village and Fort McHenry Village Afternoon—Blue Angels Air Show
- ★ September 15 –Ship Tours
- **★ September 16** Parade of Ships Departure

OCTOBER - Port Fest [Oct. 13-19] Baltimore's Outstanding Schooner Salute [Oct. 14]

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